

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Komodo Dragon Sculpture

**Date**

20th Century

**Primary Maker**

Nyoman Mawi

**Medium**

Wood (kayu waru)

**Description**

A sculpture of a Komodo Dragon with two hatchlings made out of Kayu Waru wood by Nyoman Mawi.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 14 x 45 x 22 in. (35.6 x 114.3 x 55.9 cm)

**Historical Note**

Nyoman Karsa was born on December 31, 1967. He learned woodcarving from his father and the senior artists of his village, for example, the famous Wayan Winten. He has worked in my own art studio and shop since 1987. "I usually carve sculptures from ebony, suar, crocodile, and hibiscus woods. Each of the woods has specific characteristics of color, durability, and aroma. Ebony comes from Sulawesi, while the others grow locally. Mass media and the everyday traditional lifestyle of our environment and community are the sources of my inspiration. Some of my pieces deal with traditional dances, the stories of Ramayana and Mahabharata, sports, animals, and abstract figures." "When creating a sculpture, I first see it in my mind, making an image of how it would look on a log or a piece of wood. I make a draft on the wood piece, chiseling the initial form and detailing the parts, finishing it off by smoothing and polishing."

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